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### *Shedding Light on Spies*

Thank heavens The Post has finally printed an intelligent article on intelligence [Outlook, Nov. 29]. It has been frustrating to read its normal fare on this subject, which ranges from ain't-I-cute-writing-about-spies nonsense to academic profundities usually rendered inane by lack of facts, experience and judgment. Robert Gates sheds light in a balanced fashion on basic problems. His "21 years in intelligence" do not coincide with my own, but many of the difficulties of reconciling the conduct of intelligence with democracy remain the same.

I would wish for more discussion of the compatibilities or incompatibilities between clandestine operations and analysis, the stewardship of the proliferated intelligence "community," the "need-to-know" imperative's not being a challenge to someone's patriotism, controlling the "sex appeal" of raw intelligence, the special problems of bringing about change in a necessarily protected and compartmented bureaucracy and keeping a classification system rational.

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